

# THE 4★ PUZZLER

## Rebus Contest Results

**July-August-September**

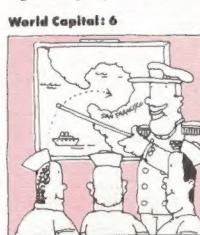
"What torture!" "This was villainous!" "Cruel" wasn't the word for it!" These are some comments we received from readers who enjoyed the "Rebus Championships" in the July, August, and September Four-Star.

In retrospect, it's not surprising that the contest evoked such a love/hate reaction from readers. The 36 puzzles proved both addictive and infuriating. Example tricks: The letter "X" needed for the answer to July #12 was represented in the cartoon by crossed suspenders. The answer to August #9 involved a lisp. And September #9 required one to know that *Quercus palustris* is the scientific name for the pin oak.

The most devious rebus of the contest perhaps was August #7 (Chess Player: 5,7), which many readers incorrectly read as Bobby Fischer (explained variously as BOBBY-IF-ISSSS-SURE or BOBBY-FISSURE). Phonetically, though, the words IF-ISSSS-SURE are not the same as FISCHER, and no fissure appears in the picture. The correct answer, coincidentally containing the same number of letters, was Boris Spassky (BORE-ISSSS-PASSKEY).

Then there was the unintentional trap of September #8 (World Capital: 6), which many solvers thought represented Bombay (BOMB-BAY). But Bombay, as only the

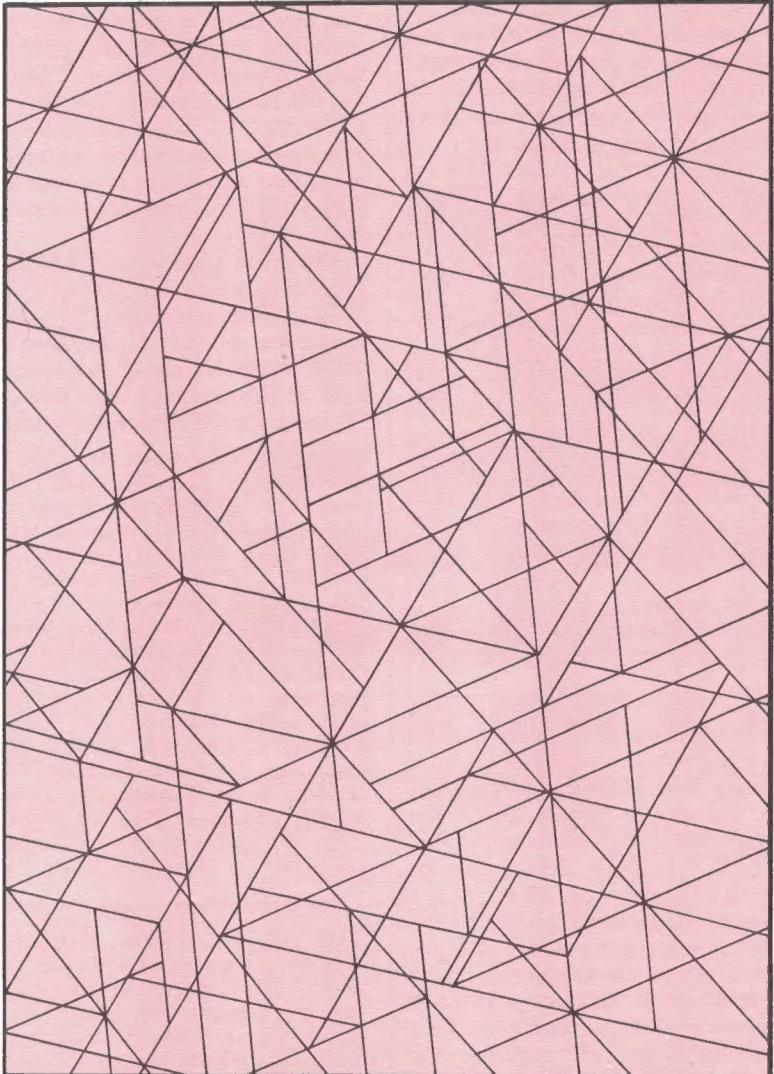
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## 1 Stargazing

MIKE SHENK

This truly is a four-star puzzle. Hidden in this matrix of crossing lines are four regular, five-pointed stars. In each case, the outline of the star is complete and without breaks. How many of them can you find?



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## Seeing Stars

### A Masochist's Contest

**First Prize:** Celestron C-90 Spotting Scope (55-210X telescope—value \$395).

**25 Runner-Up Prizes:** *Connie's Cryptos* by Connie Gordon Wiener

Don't let the title of the magazine fool you. There are more—many more—than four stars within the 12 pages and two insert cards that comprise *The Four-Star Puzzler*.

The object of this contest is simply to locate and list the greatest number of stars of this issue.

Two types of stars are fair game:

**Pictured** Any normal, five-pointed star you spot in an illustration anywhere in the issue. No asterisks, please.

**Written** Any instance of the consecutive, uninterrupted, equally spaced letters S-T-A-R staring you in the face (count each only once, even when preceded by a number, as in *Four-Star*). For example, the word *staring* in the previous sentence starts with the letters STAR, so you should count it, as you can the STAR in the word *starts* in this sentence (stars, by the way, add up quickly, because there are already six stars in this sentence . . . oops, now there are seven stars . . . oops, eight stars . . . oops, nine stars . . . Help!). You may also count the consecutive letters STAR whenever they appear in a correctly filled-in answer for the acrostic puzzle, the cryptograms, any of the crosswords (reading across and down), or the "X-Word Puzzle" (in any of the 32 answers). Some taboos: wrong order of letters (e.g., RATS or TSAR), unequal spacing (LOST ARK), and nonconsecutive letters (STAIR).

**How to Enter** First, list the page numbers and specific locations of all the stars you find. For example, your list might start:

1. Page 1, logo
2. Page 2, "Seeing Stars," title
3. Page 2, "Seeing Stars," line 19, staring
- etc.

Then, write your name, address, and the number of stars you've found on both your entry and the back of your envelope, and send to "Seeing Stars," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Entries must be received by December 31, 1981.

**Winning** The winner will be the reader who lists the greatest number of legitimate stars. Those who submit the 25 next best entries will be runners-up. Ties will be resolved by random drawing. Answers and winners' names will appear in the March issue.

### Results, cont'd

capital of an Indian state, isn't quite a *world* capital, nor does the cartoon show a bomb—perhaps an X at the end of the map's arrow would have suggested that. The correct answer was Beirut (BAY-ROUTE).

#### Fictional Villain\*



Undoubtedly the hardest rebus of the contest was September #12 (Fictional Villain: length not disclosed), which was left blank on answer sheets more often than any other. The solution was Dr. No (DOCK-TERNEAU), with the phrase "C'est Perrier!" suggesting the French word for water. Now that was cruel!

The rebus championship was by far our most popular *Four-Star* contest ever, drawing 1,167 entries in July, with 90.5% fully correct. The puzzles got harder as the contest progressed: in August we got 907 entries, 74% correct; and in September, 712 entries, 51% correct.

Will we have another rebus marathon? You can bet on it. But first we'll ponder the advice of Lucille Sanders of Belmont, CA, who wrote us: "Please . . . wait a bit for the next 'Championship' series. . . . I've really GOT to get some other things accomplished; and people are beginning to tell me I am running my words together and making slurring noises while reading."

The grand prize winner, selected in a random drawing among perfect entries, is Marilyn Simons of Jaffrey, NH, who will receive her choice of \$500 of games from World Wide Games of Delaware, OH. The 25 runners-up, each receiving a "Snapper Trick" birch wood puzzle, are:

Arnold Brodsky, Bowie, MD; Sami Davis, Clemmons, NC; Herb Fish, Napa, CA; Cary Frumess, Forest Hills, NY; William Gorgo, Chicago, IL; Paul Grant, Belleville, MI; Julianne Hackman, Athens, IL; Jon Hansen, Lincoln, NE; Leon Harkleroad, Abilene, TX; Judith Ingraham, Bethesda, MD; Cathie Jenkins, Carlisle, PA; Michael Kane, Milwaukee, WI; Steven Lala, Manhasset, NY; S. Luttrell, Coatesville, PA; Ted Namm, W. Chelmsford, MA; Margaret Newman, Tucson, AZ; Bob Nowacki, San Francisco, CA; Mrs. James Rhoads, Wichita, KS; Robert Sindelar, Champaign, IL; George L. Tanty, Chicago, IL; John Tenca, Stamford, CT; Phyllis Van Winkle, Schenectady, NY; Ann Waite, New York, NY; Sharon Wharry, Bartlesville, OK; and Norman S. Wizer, Penn Valley, PA.

The answers are:

**JULY**—Rex Reed (WRECKS-READ); Santa Cruz (SANTA-CRUISE); Eddie Fisher (EDDY-FISHER); Bob Hope (BOB-HOPE); Gene Autry (GEE-GNAW-TREE); Pearl S. Buck (PER-LESS-BUCK); Marcus Welby (MARK-A-SWELL-B); Crater Lake (CRATE-EARL-ACHE); Lady Godiva (LAID-EGO-DIVE-A); Oh, Calcutta!

(OAK-AL-CUT-A); Excalibur (X-CALIBER); and "Sweet Adeline" (SUITE-ADD A LINE).

**AUGUST**—Morley Safer (MORE-LEASE-A-FER); Budapest (BUDDHA-PEST); *The Andromeda Strain* (THE-ANNE-DRAMA-DUST-RAIN); Prince of Wales (PRINTS OF WHALES); Dan Devine (DANDY-VINE); Boris Spassky (BORE-ISSSS-PASSKEY); Jack Luzzatto (JACK-LOSE-AUTO); Dry vermouth (DRIVER-MOUTH); "Surfin' USA" (SIR-FIN-YOU-ESSAY); Omar Sharif (OH-MARIA-REEF); Peter Frampton (P-TURF-RAMP-TON); and Albuquerque (AL-BUCK-IRK-E).

**SEPTEMBER**—Mesa Verde (MACE-OFF-HEIR-D); Phil Silvers (FILL SILVER'S); Gay Talese (GATE-A-LEASE); Coco Chanel (COKE-OCEAN-L); Waikiki (Y-KEY-KEY); Hank Williams (HANG-QUILL-YUMS); Beirut (BAY-ROUTE); Pinocchio (PIN OAK-E-O); Amanda Blake (A-MAN-DUB-LAKE); 60 Minutes (SICK-STEAM-IN-IT'S); Dr. No. (DOCK-TERNEAU); and *Five Easy Pieces* (FIE-VZP-SEZ).

*Note: Rebus contesting returns this month with a new set of puzzles beginning on page 4.*

## "P" Soup

### Results from September

Pandemonium erupted at the *Four-Star Puzzler* office when entries to the "P Soup" contest arrived. The printer panicked, the publisher palpitated, the proofreaders passed out, and the postman pitched his packsack at a passing Pekingese. You see, there were so many Ps in the entries (which had to explain the precise location of Peter Piper's pickled peppers) that the printer used up his entire supply of Ps after setting only two of the winning entries in type.

First prize (the Parker games "Pit," "Probe," "Payday," and "Push Over") goes to J.F. Peirce of Bryan, Texas, for the following:

Penelope P. (for Pinchpenny) Piper, who is a pleasingly plump, paunchy, protuberant, and perennially provocative person, ate Peter Piper's peck of pickled peppers in the postprandial period. Penelope Pinchpenny Piper is probably prematurely pregnant by Peter Piper, who picked Penelope as a precipitant participant for premarital play, prompting Papa Pinchpenny's parental protection for Penelope and promises of Pow! Pow! Pow! to Peter if he procrastinated proposing. Plausible? Perfectly.

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Runners-up (receiving *The Puzzler's Paradise* from Paddington Press) were Mary Jane Millek of Glenshaw, PA; Laurel Gealt of Philadelphia, PA; Patty Parker of Cherry Hill, NJ; Marsha E. Quinn of New York, NY; and Dodi Schultz of New York, NY, who wrote:

No puzzlement. The particular peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper previously

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## 2 Good Heavens!

KEN H. MacLEISH

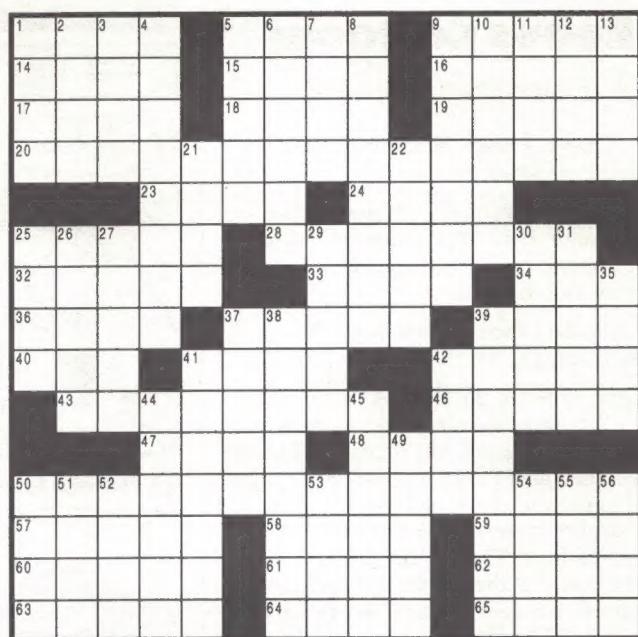
**ACROSS**

- 1 Bath embroidery  
5 Austen's Ms.  
Woodhouse  
9 Emergency money  
14 Refuse to use  
15 Tote barges and  
lift bales  
16 Saw things?  
17 Em  
18 Bobby of the  
NHL  
19 Musical sheikdom  
20 GIs' Times  
23 Stick to Mehta?  
24 Preschoolers  
25 Goal of many  
stars  
28 Hollywood  
hopefuls  
32 All the King's  
Men role  
33 Tongue in Tralee  
34 He was between  
Harry and Jack  
36 Fish-eye, e.g.  
37 Tenor's backup,  
perhaps

- 39 Recipe verb  
40 It may make  
Trigger happy  
41 It's often  
pitched  
42 Liverpudlian  
percussionist  
43 Guiding light  
46 Has a deficiency  
47 Robert \_\_\_\_  
48 Admitting a draft  
50 34-Across, e.g.  
57 Dark  
58 *Animal House*  
attire  
59 Locale for  
30-Down  
60 "You can \_\_\_\_  
horse . . ."  
61 Unvaried  
62 Honors at the  
table  
63 Record album  
insert  
64 Beatty film  
65 It's between  
the covers

**DOWN**

- 1 Brewery need  
2 Disembogue  
3 Wealthy, to Juan  
4 Lucas saga  
5 Green Mountain  
name  
6 Kopjes  
7 Clement  
8 Featured players?  
9 Catch off guard  
10 Slightly darker  
than claret  
11 Take in  
12 "Wouldn't \_\_\_\_  
Loverly?"  
13 \_\_\_\_ Ed.  
21 Scot's shirt  
22 Trunk  
25 Site of the  
Nobel Institute  
26 Emulate Brock  
27 Poem part  
29 Seed coating  
30 Atlas superseder  
31 Lavalava or  
pareu, e.g.  
35 Flubs



- 37 Plague  
38 Pet to take  
on picnics?  
39 Eyes  
41 1962 satellite  
42 Pavlova  
portrayal  
44 Make sport of  
45 Played Joplin  
music  
49 *So Fine* wardrobe  
50 Stuffed  
51 "The \_\_\_\_ love  
belongs . . ."  
52 \_\_\_\_ Bator  
53 Cruise around  
54 Chicken soup  
ingredient  
55 Hirsch's  
*Taxi* role  
56 Down the drain

## 3 Cryptic Crossword

HENRY HOOK

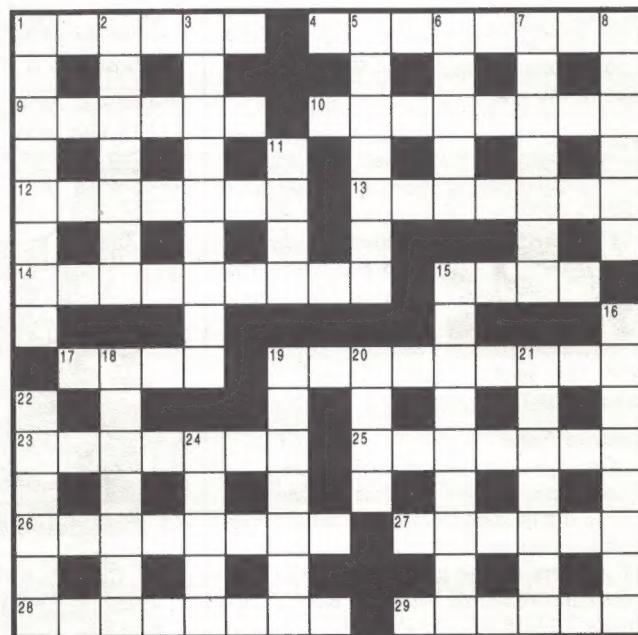
Each cryptic clue contains two indications of its answer—a direct or indirect definition, and some sort of wordplay on it (anagram, pun, or reversal, etc.). You'll know when you have an answer because every word in the clue will have a role in leading you to it. Explanations will appear with answers next month.

**ACROSS**

- 1 Wait around the railroad  
—it's well lit at night (6)  
4 Unyielding, shuffled  
the cards (8)  
9 Help someone who  
worships a donkey? (6)  
10 Afraid of Cold War  
outbreak by end of July  
(8)  
12 Wrong to add half of  
onions to dessert (7)  
13 Result of not being in  
business with me (7)  
14 To kill time, I acted  
insane (9)  
15 King taken by ace,  
beaten in set (4)  
17 Content with receding  
gums (4)  
19 Kind of music thus used  
by one involved in  
obscene calls? (9)  
23 Poisonous ingredient in  
medicines, rarely  
obtained from the East (7)  
25 TV officer and sailors  
in blue (7)

**DOWN**

- 26 Very hungry-looking to  
eat a piece of veal (8)  
27 Backing a lawyer at  
199 Locut (6)  
28 Leisurely umpire (8)  
29 One hundred and fifty  
evidently starting to  
taper (6)  
1 Surprised by shady lady  
in toboggan (8)  
2 Gold star oddly worn by  
one in a foreign land (7)  
3 Putting back the last  
two rings (9)  
5 Miss Piggy's caught up  
in a big book written  
by a couple (7)  
6 Falling star full of  
oxygen proves to be  
very hot (5)  
7 This may be obtained  
on a pier! (7)  
8 Poet is uninteresting  
to study (6)  
11 A bit of wine from  
South Italian city (4)



- 15 In the country, one will  
be enthralled by  
cryptic acrostic (5, 4)  
16 Fellow gamesperson may  
do metal-coating for  
the Rev. Spooner (8)  
18 Dark yellow ooze in  
which Nova got stuck (7)  
19 Right out of court,  
prisoner is captured with  
something in the palm? (7)  
20 In addition, we're told  
to use a pointed tool  
to make clothes (4)  
21 Sweet treat has a crust  
mixed with a trace of  
dill (7)  
22 Our hairless uncle's  
heartless—this should  
soothe (6)  
24 Nerve-shattering?  
No way! (5)

## Rebus Cartoons

### A Four-Star Contest

**Grand Prize:** "Electronic Detective" game by Ideal

**10 Runner-Up Prizes:** *Puzzling Through 1982 with Margaret Farrar & Company* crossword calendars from Simon and Schuster

**Contest Puzzles This Issue:** Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 32, 33, 35, 39, and 40

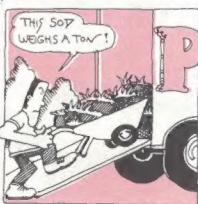
#### How to Solve the Puzzles

You will find nine rebus cartoon puzzles in this issue, beginning in the next column and continuing on later pages. The caption above each cartoon gives the category of the answer and the number of letters in it. Thus, "Author: 6,4" would indicate that the answer is the name of an author whose first name contains six letters and last name contains four letters.

All the parts of each answer are found *phonetically* in the cartoon, in one or more of the following ways:

1. Words or hyphenated syllables actually spoken by the cartoon characters;
2. Synonyms of words spoken by the characters or appearing in the cartoon;
3. Names of prominent objects in the picture;
4. Isolated letters in the picture;
5. Words implied by the action or subject of the scene.

**Popular Singer: 5, 8**



For example, the answer to the cartoon at left is *Peter Frampton*. It is sounded out by the P on the truck, the TURF in the wheelbarrow, the RAMP leading to the truck, and the spoken word TON (P-TURF-RAMP-TON).

#### How to Enter

On a postcard or back of an envelope (no letters, please), send us the answers to as many rebus cartoons as you can solve. Please include concise explanations of answers so the judges can verify any alternate solutions. Send to "Rebus Cartoons," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Entries must be received by December 31, 1981.

#### Winning

The winner will be the reader who correctly solves the most cartoons. Those who submit the ten next best entries will be runners-up. In case of ties, winners will be chosen by random drawing. Answers and winners' names will appear in the March, 1982, issue.

#### 4 Movie Actor: 3,6



#### 5 Florida Locale: 4,10



#### 6 Golfer: 3,7



#### 7 Broadway Musical: 9



## Who's Who in Puzzledom

### Nellie M. Meyer

Nellie M. Meyer began constructing puzzles as a hobby in 1957 when she had her first child. In the years since, she has successfully raised five children while becoming perhaps the nation's most prolific puzzlemaker. Each month she sells a remarkable 200 crosswords, criss-crosses, word search puzzles, and variety word games to nearly two dozen magazines and newspapers. These include some of the best-selling newsstand puzzle publications, including *Approved Crosswords*, *Favorite Crosswords*, *Superb Word Finds*, and *Make-a-Word*, as well as the *New York Times* and Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate.



"I've always had a fascination with the way words fit together," says Meyer, 51, who recalls trying to grab crosswords from her parents and sisters as a child in Holden, West Virginia. "I used to play with words the way other children play with dolls," she says with a chuckle. After studying at Glenville State College and working as an engineering assistant, she married and began raising a family and constructing puzzles.

With five children arriving in seven years, Meyer squeezed in puzzle work "a few hours here, a few hours there." Though she remembers her first efforts producing "mostly work and not much pay," she sold 51 puzzles in 1958, 200 the next year, and about 1,800 in 1962. "My work allowed me to stay at home with my family," she says, "which I've enjoyed."

Married to an engineer ("My husband is a man of practically unlimited patience," she says), Meyer works in a room she calls "The Puzzle Mill" in their home in the upstate New York town of Scotia. Sitting at a cluttered office desk beside 15 shelves of reference books, she constructs nearly 50 kinds of puzzles. She maintains a file folder for each style and builds up a backlog so that she can mail them out in batches of 10 or so. "I'll work at one thing, and if I have trouble, put it aside and work at something else," Meyer explains. An effervescent woman, she cheerfully notes that she works "whenever the words are falling into place," whether it's during the day, late at night, or 4:30 on a Sunday morning.

Her family occasionally joins in, especially when she makes up punning defin-

tions for a word puzzle. "The louder the groan, the sooner I'll put the definition on the list," Meyer quips.

Meyer has even tapped her family tree for puzzlemaking help. She explains that her byline, N.M. Meyer, is "a throwback to the days when it was easier to sell puzzles if the publisher thought you were a male." Thus she has created puzzles under the names Pat Bradshaw, Jody Lett, and M.B. Ross—her grandfather, great-uncle, and mother, respectively.

Nellie Meyer's puzzles call on solvers to write in words that interlock, overlap, and flow in all directions. In addition to the customary word search, crossword, and criss-cross puzzles, Meyer constructs puzzles in the shapes of rectangles, circles, spirals, stars, flowers, pinecones, honeycombs, and roulette wheels. She defines a good puzzle as one with "a fresh idea" that will "challenge the solver but not frustrate him."

The energetic Meyer makes time in her life for more than puzzles. She does the household chores and prepares meals for her family, and unwinds through four-mile walks, aerobic dancing, and duplicate bridge games. ("I'd rather play than eat," she says.) Meyer was talking as her family was preparing to take her youngest daughter off to college. Was the car packed? "We're all ready," she said jauntily. "Just as long as they leave me room for a dictionary, a pencil, and a pad to take along. That's all I need."

—ROBERT D. SPURRIER

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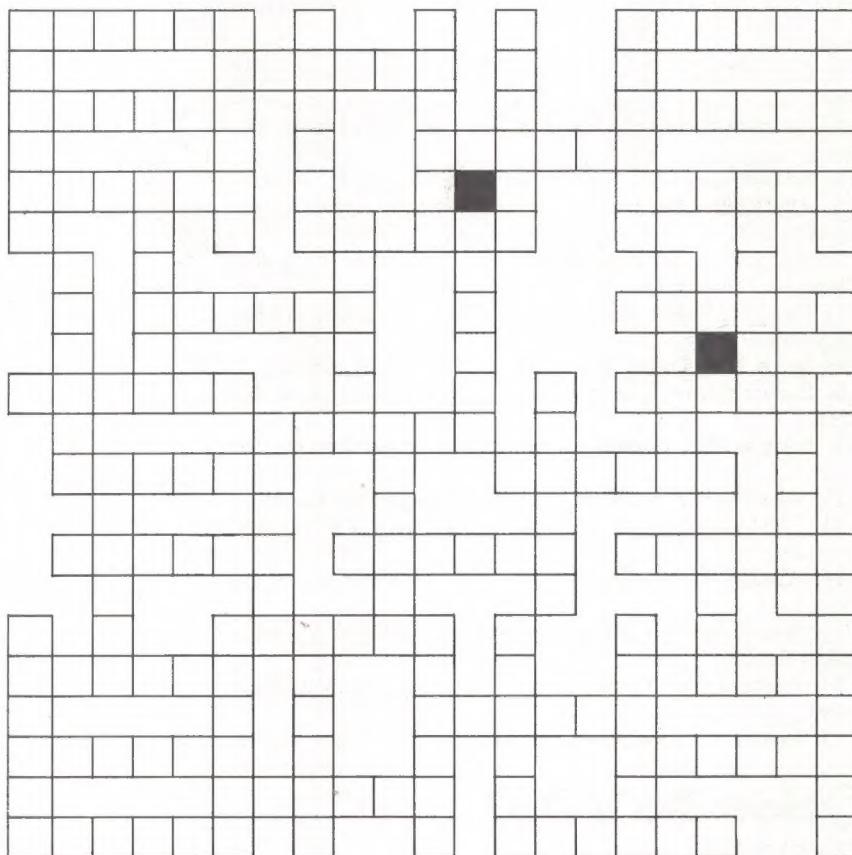
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## 8 Battle of the Sixes

N. M. MEYER

This criss-cross puzzle was created for the *Four-Star* by our December profilee (see left). To solve: Insert the 54 six-letter words listed below into their proper places in the diagram. If you need help getting started, the first word across is given on page 10.



### WORD LIST

ACTION	COMEDY	GANNET	RANGER
AFFAIR	DECIDE	GOBLET	SETTLE
AFFORD	DEFEND	IMPACT	SPIRIT
ANEMIA	DOCTOR	IMPORT	STRICT
BABOON	EFFORT	LEGACY	SYSTEM
BAOBAB	ELEVEN	MARINE	TABLET
BATBOY	EMBLEM	NOVICE	TALENT
BEACON	EMERGE	OCTAVE	TARTAN
BOBBIN	ENCORE	OUTFIT	THROAT
BREATH	ENSIGN	OVERDO	TICKET
BUDGET	ENTICE	PARENT	TOTTER
CAMERA	ENTREE	POSTAL	TROWEL
	ENZYME	PROPEL	TRYING
	EXPORT	PROPER	TUNNEL

## 9 If Only You Knew

### Logic Puzzle

PAUL R. McCLENON

Four men (first names Aaron, Abner, Alvin, and Arnold; last names Cashman, Collins, Connolly, and Cooke) and their wives (Barbara, Bea, Betty, and Bonnie) live in the same town (on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets). Using the clues below, can you tell who's married to whom and who lives where? Note: The sentence "X if and only if Y" tells you that X and Y are either both true or both false.

*Answer, page 10*

#### Clues

1. Bea is Mrs. Collins if and only if Abner lives on 2nd Street.
2. Aaron lives on 2nd Street if and only if Arnold is Mr. Cooke.
3. Betty is Mrs. Collins if and only if Abner is Mr. Cooke.
4. Abner lives on 4th Street if and only if Aaron is Mr. Cooke.
5. Abner lives on 2nd Street if and only if Alvin is Mr. Cooke.
6. The Cookes live on 4th Street if and only if Bea is Mrs. Cashman.
7. Bea is Mrs. Cooke if and only if Abner is Mr. Collins.
8. Bonnie is Mrs. Cashman if and only if Abner lives on 4th Street.
9. Betty is Mrs. Connolly if and only if Abner lives on 3rd Street.
10. Abner is Mr. Cooke if and only if Bea is Mrs. Collins.
11. The Cashmans live on 1st Street if and only if Bea is Mrs. Connolly.
12. Abner is Mr. Collins if and only if the Cookes live on 4th Street.
13. Bonnie lives on 3rd Street if and only if Barbara is married to Alvin.
14. Aaron is Mr. Cooke if and only if Betty is Mrs. Connolly.
15. Bonnie is Mrs. Collins if and only if Bea is Mrs. Cooke.

## 10 How Do U Do?

RALPH MAUS

The letter U is the rarest of the five English vowels, occurring, for example, just a quarter as often as the most frequent letter, E. This rarity makes it all the more surprising to find so many words containing two U's, separated by another letter.

We've listed below all 26 U-letter-U trigrams (UAU, UBU, UCU, etc.), and challenge you to name one common word containing each. For example, the combination UAU is found in LUAU. We found 20 answers for the 26 combinations. You?

*Answer, page 10*

U A U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U B U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U C U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U D U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U E U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U F U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U G U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U H U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U I U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U J U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U K U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U L U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U M U \_\_\_\_\_

U N U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U O U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U P U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U Q U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U R U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U S U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U T U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U U U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U V U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U W U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U X U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U Y U \_\_\_\_\_  
 U Z U \_\_\_\_\_



## Cryptography

SALLY PORTER

Each of these messages has been put into a simple substitution letter code. The substitutions are constant throughout each cipher, but change from one cipher to the next. An asterisk indicates a proper name.

### 11 How About a Sow's Ear?

RUR GO ARPY, YGR GO OHGM  
 PTDVRLXU DGQSTAR OGH LRZLXU  
 AGJTGDK SHRP. CZTH GO LGM  
 RFNZXXU TXX-ZLBTKRL.

### 12 Picnickers: Beware

ATLMNO NTLAGNGRTIP, IPHQSTAR  
 VTFDVDTA KDLFITPO DVOD  
 MOLGDAI NTPPGVDN NTPPOV  
 NOWP MS NDBS KDLFOVI.

### 13 For Your Emus-ment

MUBRJVX-MXQVU HDXXVHSTAR,  
 CXVBPKX CXYJBCKR, ATVUXQN  
 QKMOVXBCKR WVQQ \*NSLT \*KTNQU  
 MSKTJUB KTDYKQ.

### 14 Wads It Worth?

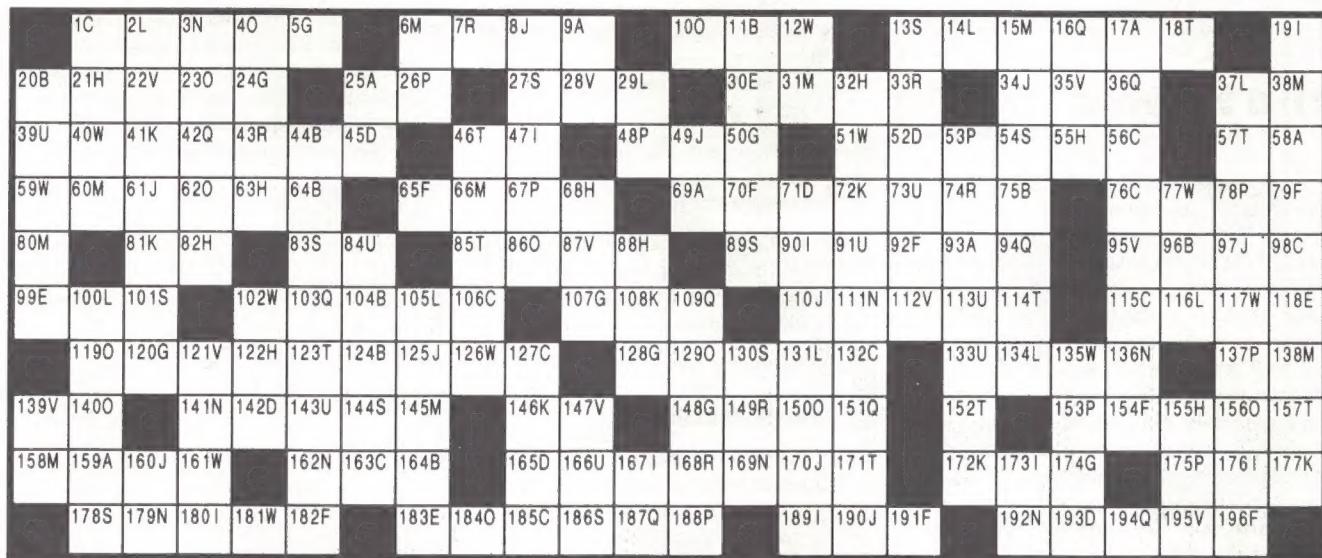
URSBFG MFSHLI JDRBACK  
 \*NRCKMSNNRE IRDCP NALS  
 QRXACK QSC UHTLACK UFSTARDI  
 TOACH: "SWTSNIARF, SWTSNIARF!"

### 15 Pleasant Dreams

ANPRVMB, QNSTARVMB NSNXWRBNB  
 TWA TB BVFVXRHRW. RCBVJCRTWB  
 XNYL VC WXLFAVKXTJB ERAG  
 ETXJ JRYO.

**16 Acrostic Puzzle**

MIKE SHENK



Answer the clues for words to be entered on the numbered dashes. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to spell a quotation reading left to right. Black squares separate words in the quotation. Work back and forth between grid and word list to complete the puzzle. When you are done, the initial letters of the words in the word list will spell the name of the author and the source of the quotation.

**CLUES****WORD LIST**

A. Vaudeville dancers

9 159 25 69 17 58 93

B. American marmot

64 75 96 104 124 164 11 20 44

C. "I must dance  
barefoot on her  
\_\_\_\_" (*Taming of the  
Shrew*; 2 wds.)

115 98 76 56 185 163 106 132 1 127

D. Paschal holiday

52 142 165 193 45 71

E. Brownish black

118 183 99 30

F. George Gobel's  
self-description

65 70 79 191 196 154 182 92

G. Hoagy Carmichael  
song, 1929

24 50 107 120 5 148 128 174

H. Alone (3 wds.)

82 88 155 55 68 122 32 21 63

I. Parvenu

173 19 47 189 180 167 176

J. Device for  
measuring speed  
of rotation

8 34 170 190 160 61 49 125 110 97

K. Barnside sheds  
(hyph.)

41 72 146 108 81 172 177

L. Hotelier

116 105 131 37 14 29 134 100 2

M. Rembrandt painting,  
with *The* (2 wds.)

38 66 80 145 158 6 60 31 15 138

N. Gives off, issues

141 3 111 136 162 169 179 192

O. Doctor who  
prescribes  
corrective lenses

86 119 129 150 184 4 10 23 62

140 156

P. Shared equally  
(hyph.)

67 78 90 137 48 26 175 153 188 53

Q. Stubborn (hyph.)

94 194 16 109 151 103 187 42 36

R. Obstruct

7 33 149 168 43 74

S. Ship's right side

13 27 89 101 83 54 130 178 186

T. John Jakes novel  
(2 wds.)

18 171 123 85 46 157 144 152 114 57

U. Musical  
introduction

39 73 84 91 166 133 143 113

V. Pleasantly  
different

195 22 95 87 121 147 28 139 35 112

W. Coward, dastard

102 12 117 126 135 40 51 59 181

161 77



## The Sphinx

Each puzzle in verse below contains two or more missing words to be guessed, in such forms as transposals (e.g., MEDICAL/DECIMAL/CLAIMED), charades (WOO + DEN = WOODEN), and linkades (FAT + TALLY = FATALLY). These keywords are represented by x's, y's, and z's—one for each letter in an omitted word. When the keywords have been correctly guessed, each verse will read with proper rhyme and meter, and will express an interesting thought, situation, or story.

An anagram is an apposite rearrangement of the letters in a word, name, or familiar phrase. For example, I'M A PENCIL DOT is an anagram of DECIMAL POINT.

Numbers in parentheses indicate lengths of answers. In anagrams, asterisks indicate capitalized words.

### 17 Transposal (5)

With pomp and circumstance on stage  
they stream.

The graduating seniors are such sports.  
So solemn, xxxx, and sedate they seem,  
But underneath their xxxx they're  
wearing shorts!

*Mel Rosen, Tampa, FL*

### 18 Charade (10)

He loved to zzzzz, unlike most men;  
xx yy to eight he phoned.  
He said, "There is a zzzzz xx yyy."  
"I cannot go," I moaned.  
The fete is held upon a boat—  
The hosts are upper crust."  
He sent an orchid with a note:  
"xxyyzzzz is a must."

*Deanna DeWilde, McBride, BC*

### 19 Letter Deletion (6,5)

My xyxxxx is not hard to please:  
A jug of wine, a xxxx of cheese.

*Marie Horejs, Omaha, NE*

### 20 Transposal (7)

For xxxxxxx we're constantly late;  
The person to blame is my mate.  
She'll xxxxxxx up and down  
And try every gown,  
While I must impatiently wait.

*Jon A. Schiewe, Portland, OR*

### 21 Word Deletion (7)

His face—almost ugly, so xyyyyxx and hairy;  
The yyyy on his forehead stood out like a banner.  
But what people noticed were eyes bright and merry;  
And all were disarmed by his xxx, humble manner.

*Marjorie Friedman, Buffalo, NY*

### 22 Transposal (5)

When Reagan wants a problem solved  
But finds the question too involved,  
He takes xxxx his xxxx to try  
To find xxxx to apply.

*Eileen Rieback, North Olmstead, OH*

### 23 Transposal (5)

Smart brides have xxxx as quite content  
With stainless steel and modest fare;  
No xxxx, they hide a secret bent  
For splendid Xxxxx and Steubenware.

*Ross Hamilton, Scottsdale, AZ*

### 24 Linkade (9)

I meant to build a xxyzzzzz bin  
For tools in Dad's old shop,  
But using xxy instead of tin  
Brought sharp yzzzzz from Pop:  
"That thing's not safe—why, just one  
spark  
Could set it off like tinder bark!"

*Mary J. Hazard, Rochester, NY*

### Anagrams

25 MUSING LINE TO TOP  
DISCOVERER (\*6 \*11, \*17)

26 AH, ONE TRIED—THE OTHER  
SAT (3 8 3 4)

*Janet S. Cohen, Kew Gardens, NY*

27 LO, NUT INMATE SAT IN IT  
(1 6 11)

28 THEY'LL GASP "FORE!" (3 4 7)

*David Shulman, New York, NY*

29 DEFIANTLY RUIN TREE FARM  
(\*13 5 3)

*Mitzi Christiansen, Bakersfield, CA*

30 MOONY ARTS (9)

*Stephan R. Marlow, Davis, CA*

*Do you feel the Muse? Send us an original puzzle of any type you have seen in "The Sphinx," and we'll thank you with \$20 if it is used. Anagrams will be judged for appositeness and poetic puzzles for cleverness of keywords and verse. Write "The Sphinx," The Four-Star Puzzler, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Enclose a stamped return envelope if you wish a reply.*

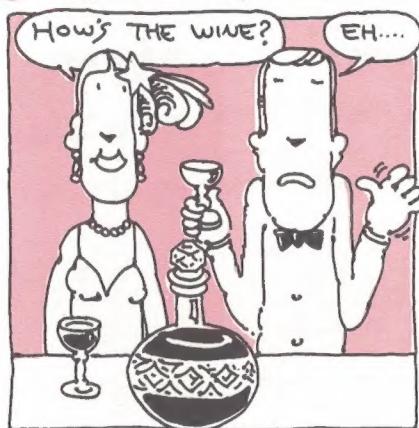
### 31 Digititis

B. UPTON-ROWLEY

We have removed most of the digits from the long-division problem below. The object is to replace the numbers, one digit per dash, so that the completed division is mathematically correct. The puzzle has a unique solution.

$$\begin{array}{r} & & & & 1 \\ & ) & - & - & - \\ - & & & & \\ \hline & & & & 3 \\ & & & & \\ \hline & & & & 0 \\ & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ & & & & \\ \hline & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

### 32 Singer/Actor: 5,6



### 33 World Capital: 3,4

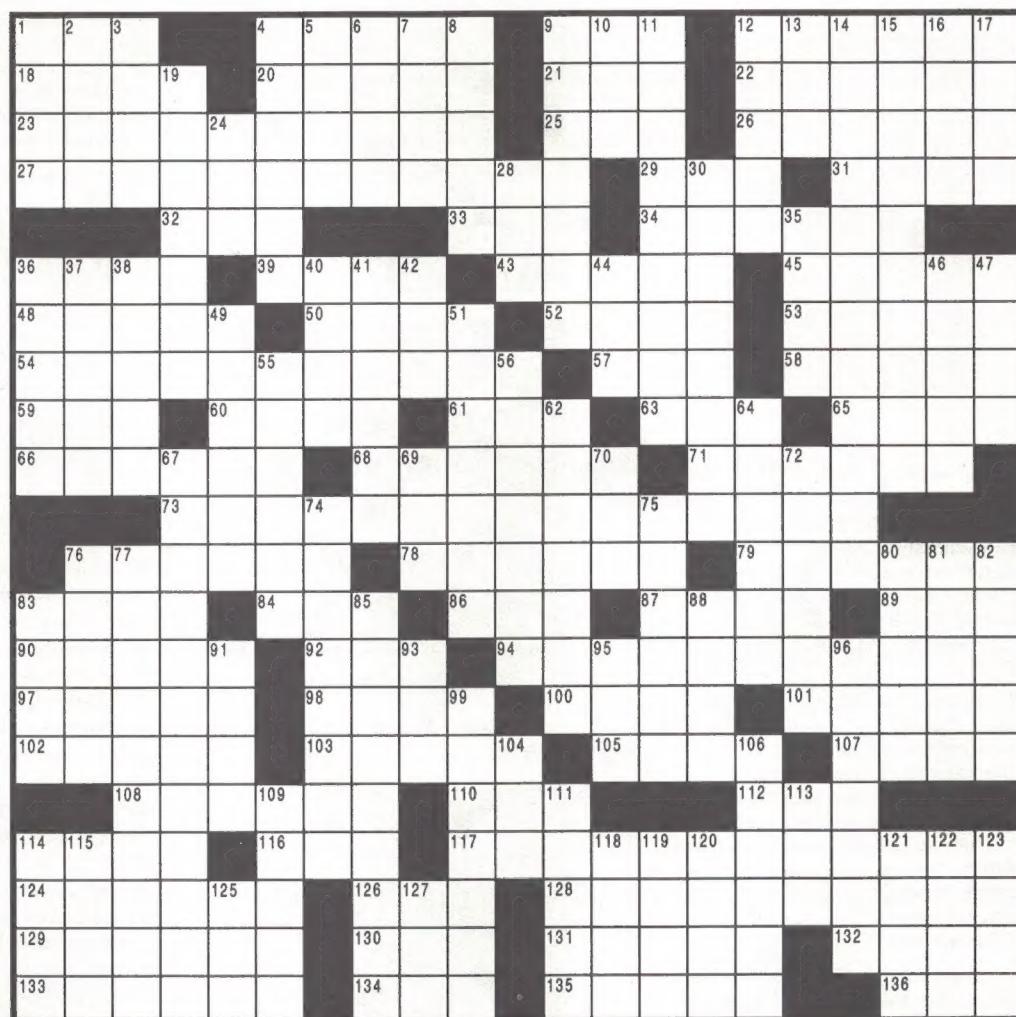


## **34 United Nations**

MERL REAGLE

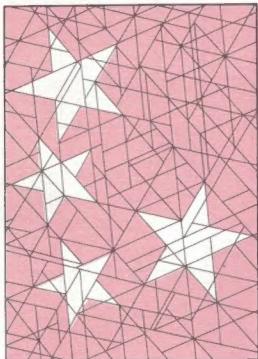
ACROSS

- 1 Auction action  
 4 X  
 9 Poke with a fork  
 12 Fine-tune  
 18 What the  
     suspicious smell  
 20 Work \_\_\_\_  
 21 Devon river  
 22 Snoopy is one  
 23 "I've had enough  
     tacos, but may I  
     have \_\_\_\_, please?"  
 25 Took charge  
 26 Bill-paying  
     method  
 27 "\_\_\_\_ right over?  
     We're shorthanded"  
 29 "\_\_\_\_ Sera Sera"  
 31 Feed the kitty  
 32 My \_\_\_\_ Vietnam  
 33 *Certainement!*  
 34 Tacit  
 36 El house-o  
 39 Ocean-region  
     org.  
 43 Hereditary  
 45 Meager  
 48 Olympic legend  
     Jesse  
 50 Awkward fellow  
 52 Unload, on  
     Wall Street  
 53 More washed out  
 54 A lovely couple?  
 57 W.W.II area  
 58 Emulate Tai  
     and Randy  
 59 Do-it-yourself  
     purchase  
 60 Stable child?  
 61 In-between word  
 63 Orch. section  
 65 Seep  
 66 Old Greek robes  
 68 Ear trouble  
 71 Ominous carriage  
 73 \_\_\_\_ for the FBI  
     (Eskimo exposé?)  
 76 City on the move?  
 78 Dress down  
 79 Confines  
 83 "\_\_\_\_ troth"  
     (bard's phrase)  
 84 Flock member  
 86 Gun before  
     the gun?  
 87 Greeting to  
     97-Across?  
 89 "Square circle"  
     three-timer  
 90 *Love Boat*  
     bartender  
 92 OSU coach Devine  
 94 "What kind of  
     car do I own?  
     Why, a Dodge \_\_\_\_  
 97 Hawaiian songman  
 98 "B\_\_\_\_ Baker"



- |     |  |     |                                   |  |    |   |     |                             |
|-----|--|-----|-----------------------------------|--|----|---|-----|-----------------------------|
| 100 | <i>Sound of Music</i> director Robert  | 133 | Approve                           | asked the recruiter                          | 47 | Termitc target                              | 83  | ____ fond farewell          |
| 101 | Intermeal cookie                       | 134 | Their, <i>mon cher</i>            | 15 "Are ____ it up                           | 49 | Big game hunt                               | 85  | Cinches for students        |
| 102 | Cancel                                 | 135 | Lingers in the tub                | or do it right this time?"                   | 51 | Coming-attraction clip                      | 88  | Covered the cake            |
| 103 | Stocking stuff                         | 136 | Bradbury's ____ for Space         | 16 Open a "boil-in-bag"                      | 55 | Register button                             | 91  | Nat or Natalie              |
| 105 | Some profs, synecdochically            |     |                                   | 17 Prefix for phone or prompter              | 56 | Before it really happened: Lat.             | 93  | In short, 0                 |
| 107 | Genevieve et Marie, e.g.               |     |                                   | 19 Place for babes?                          | 62 | Renounce                                    | 95  | Nightcap                    |
| 108 | Short kind of play                     | 1   | Sop up rays                       | 24 Auto grp.                                 | 64 | Sound for the third time                    | 96  | Removes from the cargo hold |
| 110 | Salt Lake player                       | 2   | Dies ____                         | 28 Holidayless mo.                           | 67 | "At Plumpy's, our huge portions never ____" | 99  | Chocolate centers           |
| 112 | Sez you!                               | 3   | Oath to the Yankees?              | 30 Strip                                     | 69 | Hunter's check?                             | 104 | ____ degree                 |
| 114 | Swede who's often a seed               | 4   | Alarm bell                        | 35 Venomous types                            | 70 | Pepper, e.g.                                | 106 | Sand bars                   |
| 116 | Haw's other half                       | 5   | "____ hollers . . ."              | 36 Readies the trigger                       | 72 | Puzzle heading                              | 109 | Fieldsian affirmative       |
| 117 | "Flat tire, eh? Your wife ain't ____!" | 6   | Most important                    | 37 Not care ____                             | 74 | The Twist, in 1960                          | 111 | Bridge sites?               |
| 124 | Caught off guard                       | 7   | Gardner who created a lawyer      | 38 "Sister" of 39-Across                     | 75 | Go over old arguments                       | 113 | Hirt and Capp               |
| 126 | Exercise haven                         | 8   | One of the saurususes             | 40 Joe Tynan's portrayer                     | 76 | Edward, ____                                | 114 | Rose's kids?                |
| 128 | "Doc, I've got a ____ in my back"      | 9   | Toast toppings                    | 41 Inaudible, as TV volume                   | 77 | "Oh, brother! Not a chance!"                | 115 | Draftable                   |
| 129 | Honey dumplin'                         | 10  | Chainsaw's granddad               | 42 Wilder's ____ Town                        | 80 | Ready to kill?                              | 118 | Composer Laura              |
| 130 | Relative newcomer?                     | 11  | Colorful covers                   | 44 Maiden-name designation                   | 81 | Type of kicker                              | 119 | Opera feature               |
| 131 | Sing like a bird                       | 12  | Songstress Lane and others        | 46 <i>In seine</i> ziehen (to ensnare): Ger. | 82 | Loses to quicksand                          | 120 | Gyp                         |
| 132 | Temper                                 | 13  | Pasha of Tripoli                  |  |    |   | 121 | Customized vehicles         |
|     |  | 14  | "Why don't ____ out of the army?" |  |    |   | 122 | Four, on some clock faces   |
|     |  |     |                                   |  |    |   | 123 | Wee workers                 |
|     |  |     |                                   |  |    |   | 125 | Grain, old style            |
|     |  |     |                                   |  |    |   | 127 | <i>Black Cat</i> author     |

# ANSWERS

**This Issue**
**①**

**⑧** The first word across is "baobab."

**⑨** Abner and Betty Cashman, 1st Street; Alvin and Barbara Collins, 4th Street; Arnold and Bonnie Cooke, 3rd Street; Aaron and Bea Connolly, 2nd Street.

A full explanation is available upon request. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to "If Only You Knew," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

**⑩** There are other answers than those we list below. Consult your dictionary to verify any doubtful alternatives.

Our answers are: luau, suburb or auburn, mucus or truculent, fraudulent, queue or liqueur, no UFU, fugue or augur, no UHU, colloquium, jujube, ukulele, pendulum or ululate, cumulative, unusual or sunup, innocuous or continuous, scrupulous, bouquet, guru, usual or usury, mutual or future, no UUU, uvula, no UWU, luxury, no UYU or UZU.

**⑪** Hardcase suspected the one woman who had touched her \$500 after it had been authenticated, Mrs. Banks. Using a variation of an old confidence game known as the "pigeon drop," she had switched the genuine \$500 bill for a bogus one when she had snatched it back from Mary.

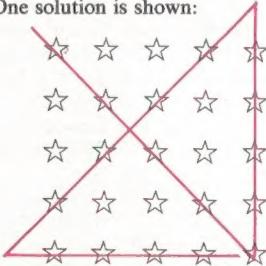
**⑫** Can we actually know the universe? My God, it's hard enough finding your way around in Chinatown. Woody Allen.

**⑬** George's nephew is Georgina's son.

**⑭** Pierre, South Dakota.

**⑮** Place the egg snugly into a corner of the room. The walls will stop the cannonball before it can damage the egg.

**⑯** One solution is shown:



**⑰** The number is 18. Each number in the lower row is the square of the number above it, with digits reversed.

**Last Issue**
**①**

MORALE	VISAS
SEVERAL	ANKLET
ELECTRIC	GUITARS
PORKY	CHART
IDAS	BA
NIOBE	TELL
AIL	NITRO
SHEET	CLAUS
ANALYSES	STEELDRUM
NEPOTISM	AGENT
IRONY	CURBS
AWL	ZEKE
BUSES	LIEU
ABE	ALLIS
SAVER	MUSIQUE
CONCRETE	SATURN
REACTED	TOAST
TOASTER	TETHER

**②**

OPP	EXC	AME	EVE
TOO	TIO	NOR	MAR
DESPAIR	ACIDITY	TIS OWN	NOT
FLIP	RNA	STOP	
FAN	BEAT	THE ERS	
OSGOOD	THE FORCE	FRAS YALE	
ELITISTS	RAN FOR	ELITISTS RAN FOR	
TOM	CHUTIST	OFF	
ANIP	AMT I RAE	TAI ARA I RT	
STANDON	REDEYES	STANDON REDEYES	
WIT	ERN EAL ART	WIT ERN EAL ART	
ALE	ERA TTE DRE	ALE ERA TTE DRE	

**③** Star Trek (START-WRECK)

**④** San Diego Padres (SANDY-A-GO-POD-RAYS)

**⑤**

TAO	SWIRL	CAFE
YELP	HANOI APIG	
POLITICAL	FAVORS	
ONAGER	PEERESS	
METRO	RCA	
TALES	EKE ITALS	
OMEN	DAEMON ROI	
PIGTAIL	PIGSKIN	
ING	LIMPID HIRE	
COYPU	SIR DUNES	
JIMP	GETAT	
SIGNETS	ADEPTS	
ENGLISH	ESSAYIST	
RULE	TRYST EGAL	
ABUT	SUETY SRO	

**⑥** ACROSS: 1. M-ACARONI (*ocarina* anag.) 6. BLEEP (hidden) 10. ENTE-RED (*teen* anag.) 11. PAN-DOR-A (all rev.) 12. RODE(o) 13. GREEN-LIGHT 15. OPERAS 17. DR.-AS-TIC 19. NEEDLER (2 mnngs.) 20. WEASEL (anag.) 22. ENTER(TAIN)S (*ain't* anag.) 23. VET-O 26. T(RAIN)EE 27. I-RON AGE (*orange* anag.) 28. (deodo)RANTS 29. S-USPENDS (*sends up* anag.)

DOWN: 2. A-CT.-ED 3. ACRE (anag.) 4. ORDERS (2 mnngs.) 5. IMP(LEAD)S 6. B-AND-LEADER 7. ELON-GATES 8. PRACTICAL JOKER (anag.) 9. DEAR JOHN LETTER (anag.) 14. BALL-ERINAS (*is near* anag.) 16. E-YES-TRAIN 18. DREAMERS 21. UNDIES (anag.) 24. E-LAND 25. MOVE (hidden)

**⑦** Word List: A. Machinery B. Out of hand C. Rich as Croesus D. Emphasizes E. Legionary F. Legalese G. At the last H. Architect I. Normal form J. Do the honors K. End to war L. Pursued by a bear M. Show-how N. Thought-out O. Entail P. Ill sorts Q. Nader R. Break a

leg S. Rowdydowdy T. Artless U. Naif V. Dina W. Outweigh

Quotation: Brando . . . was always drawn to the underdog. In the opinion of an old school chum, "I always thought that was because he could feel superior . . . at least, not inferior." [His] grandmother, years later, remarked that he "always brought home cross-eyed girls."—(Joe) Morella and (Edward Z.) Epstein, *Brando*

**⑧**

ASH	PLAY	BARN
THU	RODE	AREA
EAR	EWES	ADAM
ASS	SCAR	BORE
GRAVE	HAHA	
AVER	SILO	
HARVEST	TIME	
TEST	SCAN	
BERT	HERDS	
SODS	STAR	IAN
ALTO	LARK	NNE
LOOT	AGUE	GEE
ACRE	DEER	
SHED		

**⑨**  $10417 \div 19 = 548.263157894736842105$

**⑩** Scheherazade probably beefed up exotic thousand-and-one tales by plucking her lute-like rebab.

**⑪** Mischievous leprechauns, caught stealing by cobbler, nearly get clobbered by blackthorn shillelagh.

**⑫** Whirling dust devil must appear like tornado to tiny tremulous prairie dog hiding in burrow.

**⑬** Genealogy enthusiast draws up fanciful family crest featuring argent griffin, vert martlets.

**⑭** Symbiont: Organism living closely with dissimilar one for mutual benefit. Parasite: Your brother-in-law.

**⑮**

KACSA	SZIKH	PAL
OCSA	AZIMUT	ARI
STERILIZAL	OLOM	
AKARATI	LUSAKA	
FASOKA	KASZTI	
ESATI	PUNTITO	
LISTA	DULCE	NAD
RITE	FUCS	FURA
ATA	RECCS	TOSCA
KARD	LOS	TON AD
TEREL	DOROG	O
SZOLAM	VOSZTOK	
ZOLI	EGESZSEGES	
ALA	ELOSZT	KOPT
KAS	KORIT	HALEB

**⑯** Sonny Bono (SUNNY-BOW-NO)

**⑰** Helsinki (HELL-SING-KEY)

**⑱** Arthur Conan Doyle (R-THIR-CONE-&OIL)

**⑲** Al Pacino (ALP-A-CHINO)

**⑳** ACROSS: THE DIAGRAM; DIE D(O)WN (*winded* anag.); AURAL (homophone); AGRA (hidden); ALL-E.G.-E; YEO-MEN; PR(E)SAGE (*Grapes* anag.); IRONS (2 mnngs.); RE(PUB)LIC; SPOT (2 mnngs.); E(XA)M (all rev.); RAM-PARTS; AROUND (anag.); ALERT (hidden); INSTIGATE (anag.); C-ANON; UNTRIED (anag.); DIGNITY (anag.); N,E,W,S; UPSIDE-DOWN

DOWN: TI(G)ER; HER-O; EDAM (hidden); DO-ME: ANA(HE)IM (*mania* anag.); GAL-LIC; RU(L)ER; MAGINOT (anag.); DA(is)Y; (se)WING; RED-O; L-EAST (*seat* anag.); P(REDIC)T. (*cider* rev.); SUM-O; PAR-SNIP; B-RUIN; LA(N-GU)ID (*gun* anag.); SALERNO (anag.); P.(REV.-I.E.)W.; XANADU (hidden); PAT-TY (2 mnngs.); STUD'S; DAN-T(h)E; TO-G'S; HEWN (anag.)



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### "P" Soup, cont'd

picked (prematurely) is present, partly putrid, piled in a pale puce pyramid on a pewter platter in Peter's picturesque paneled playroom. Petulant Paula Piper, a prominent pediatrician, pouts, persistently pleading, "I'd prefer palpitations, pimples, plumbism, or plague. Pick 'em up, Peter, and pitch 'em out, pronto!" But as prolix Peter pompously puts it, "I personally picked the putrescent peppers, pretty Paula, and my purposeful plan is to peddle the produce for a prodigious price, plumping my piteously pallid purse. So be pliantly patient, not pettily persnickety, pet, and present my plaudits to the praiseworthy *Puzzler*. Prestigious publicity may prove the perfect ploy, presently procuring a potential purchaser—perhaps a preserved-pickle-packing plant president, or a platoon of polyphagous proletarians—panting to pay the Pipers."

—LINDA BOSSON

### 35 Popular Singer: 5,11



## 36 X-Word Puzzle

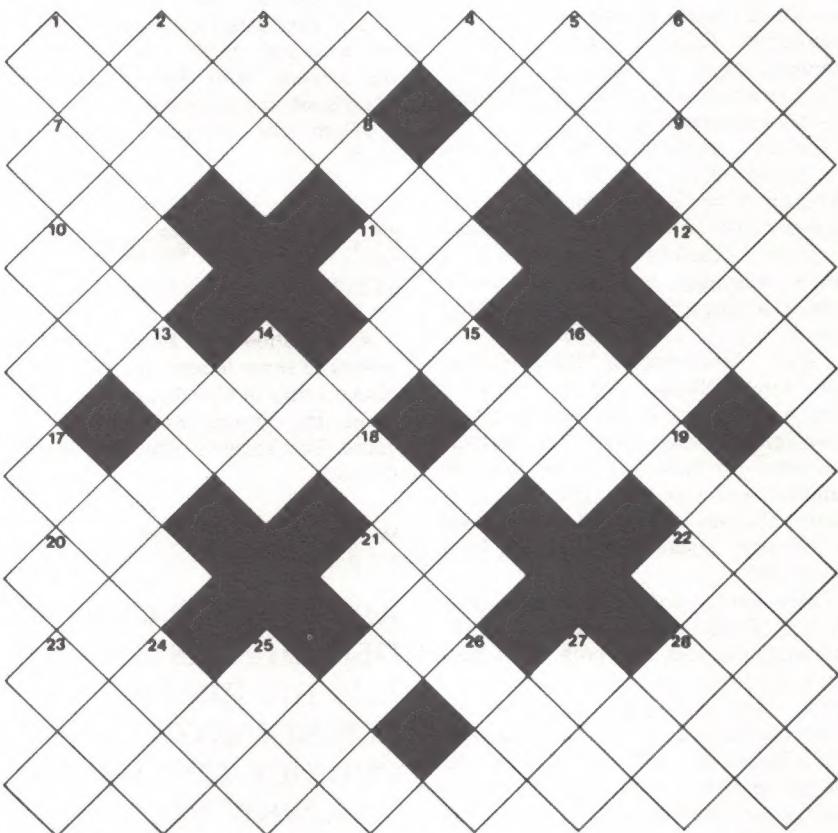
### Variety Cryptic Crossword

MEL ROSEN

(with acknowledgements to Virgilius of The Azed Book of Crosswords)

Fill each six-letter answer into the diagram in the shape of an X, beginning in the box corresponding to the clue number. As an example, the word DOCTOR would appear:

D      T  
  O  
R      C



#### CLUES

- 1 Rifle's appropriate for nonconformist
- 2 Illegally sells pens
- 3 Frequent the village green
- 4 Smooth Victory (first half of television broadcast)
- 5 On the way back, the Spanish save all but the last slave
- 6 Exploits with dwarfs
- 7 Comparatively brief rendition of "Trees" precedes introduction to *Rigoletto*
- 8 Guiding principles, to most unguided
- 9 Beams and walks proudly
- 10 Raucous laughter about being gung-ho? (*hyph.*)
- 11 Peg's chasing the group to the sofa
- 12 Convened to talk with the old governor
- 13 Buzzing sound on the wiretap? Nonsense!
- 14 Suit has secondary stitching, apparently
- 15 In part, I'd bitten a choice morsel
- 16 Be deep in turmoil and hit the horn
- 17 Palm tree reportedly grew doubly
- 18 Stamp out whiskey
- 19 Beheading beasts can lead to misunderstandings
- 20 Like instrumental music that's not praised?
- 21 He's eating caviar sandwiches
- 22 Begins to include Turkey's leader among the headliners
- 23 Dogs wildly running to see favored child?
- 24 Not well versed, yet prepared
- 25 Fewer than half a dozen like going back and forth to King's College
- 26 Carl's a rotten little devil
- 27 Drops envelopes initially in boxes
- 28 Start changing one of the beds



## 37 Season's Greetings, Hardcase?

### Three-Minute Detective

ROBERT LIDDIL

"Even at this season, Miss Christmas, it's odd to have three \$500 bills in the register. It's worse that one of them was counterfeit!" Corinne Ratz of Corinne's Boutique reproved Mary, the cashier who had accepted the bills in the previous day's transactions.

Hardcase, warmed by the happy season, squirmed as Mrs. Ratz continued. "You know you're required to take any currency over a hundred dollars across the street to the bank for authentication before wrapping up the transaction. Now, give Inspector Hardcase the entire story."

"Well," Mary started, "the bills came from three different steady customers. Mrs. Ashton came in first and bought a gown for her bridge party. She said she was sorry for having to break the five-hundred and was very gracious, even though she was in a hurry. I ran it over to the bank, where it was okayed by a trainee teller.

"Mrs. Banks came in just before noon for \$75 worth of accessories. She was bad-tempered and had both arms burdened down with packages. She put them down, then rummaged in her purse. When she handed me the five-hundred, I said it had to be verified at the bank, and she got very testy. When I got back, she was furious. She threw the accessories on the counter and snatched the money

from me. Then she changed her mind and handed it back—said she was just tired from the crowds and shopping. She was very sweet, then, and even gave me a \$10 tip.

"Mrs. Cashmon came in just before closing time. It was after hours at the bank when I took the bill over, but a teller came and checked it for me through the window. He said it was okay."

"So, Inspector," Mrs. Ratz demanded, "how did this homemade piece of paper get substituted for \$500 of my receipts? This young woman's job depends on your answer."

"Chances are one of the three women cheated you, and I think I can get your money back by checking out just one of them." And with that, Hardcase was out the door and on his way to interrogate the woman who had nearly ruined Mary's job and reputation.

Whom did Hardcase suspect, and why?

*Answer, page 10*

## 38 Quick Quote

STEPHANIE SPADACCINI

A quotation has been divided into groups of three letters, and these groups placed below in alphabetical order. Rearrange the groups to reconstruct the quote. The author's name will appear at the end.

*Answer, page 10*

Word lengths: 3 2 8 4 3 8? 2 3, 3 4 6 7 4 3  
6 2 9.—5 5

ALL ARO ATO CAN CTU  
DEN EMY ERS GOD HAR  
HEU HFI HIN INC ITS  
LEN NDI NGY NIV OOD  
OUG OUR OWT UND WAY  
WEA WNW YAL YKN

## 39 Country: 3,7



## 40 World Leader: 8



## At Wit's End

*Answers, page 10*

### 41 Relativity

"That is my nephew," said George to his sister Georgina. "He is not my nephew," said Georgina. How is this situation to be explained?—*Hubert Phillips, The Week-End Problems Book*

### 42 Capital Letters II

What is the only state capital whose name has no letters in common with the name of its home state?—M.S.

### 43 Eggs Benefit

If you were in a square, empty room, with only a very large cannonball and a very small egg as companions, what could you do with the egg to safeguard it from being broken by the cannonball, which you are rolling along the floor? The egg, intact, must be left on the floor.—*Jacob Philip Rudin, So You Like Puzzles!*

### 44 Star Trek

Using four straight, continuous lines, can you connect 17 of the 25 stars below? You may start anywhere, but, once started, the pencil may not be taken off the paper. Although it's easy to link 16 stars, and there are several solutions for 17, this puzzle should nevertheless prove to be a challenge.—*W. Leslie Prout, Think Again*



### 45 Number, Please

What number belongs under the 9 in the array below?

4	5	6	7	8	9
61	52	63	94	46	?

—*Mel Loftus, Estacada, OR*

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